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## **FIRST AMENDMENT**

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004. Please cancel claims 1-5 and 16-18 without prejudice. Please amend the remaining claims as set forth on the following pages 2-8. Please add new claims 19 and 20. Applicant's remarks begin on page 9.